

March 2021	7th March 3rd of Lent	14th March 4th of Lent Mothering Sunday	21st March 5th of Lent	28th March Palm Sunday
Athelington				
Denham				11am EG CW Holy Communion
Horham			11.15am JM BCP Holy Communion	
Hoxne	9.30am EG BCP Holy Communion		9.30am JM CW Holy Communion	
Redlingfield		9.30am EG CW Holy Communion		
Syleham	4pm Messy Church www.facebook. com/HoxneMC		10am ML Village Service	9.30am EG BCP Holy Communion
Wingfield	11am EG CW Holy Communion			
Zoom Services	11am RC Holy Communion	9.30am JM Café Church	6pm EG Evensong <i>Not Evening Prayer in church</i>	9.30am JS BCP Matins 4pm EG All Age Service

### More online services

Every Saturday and Sunday, Morning Prayer on [facebook.com/WingfieldChurch](https://www.facebook.com/WingfieldChurch), 8am

Every Friday: Compline on Zoom at 6pm.

Some services in church will also be live streamed or uploaded into facebook.

To join our Zoom services, email Revd Eleanor at [eleanor.goodison@gmail.com](mailto:eleanor.goodison@gmail.com) and she will send you the link.

EG - Revd Eleanor Goodison JM - Revd John McCracken

RC - Revd Richard Court ML - Mary Lewis JS - John Swann

**See inside for Holy Week and Easter services**

# Hoxne Benefice Churches

Athelington Denham Horham  
Hoxne Redlingfield  
Syleham Wingfield

The  
Season  
of  
Lent



## March 2021 News

### Here comes the sun!

If you ever listen to Desert Island Discs, you may have drawn up your own mental list of music for the desert island. The Beatles would definitely feature on my list – the problem would be to limit myself to just one of their songs - along with David Bowie, Paul Simon, J S Bach and Handel's 'I know that my Redeemer liveth'. Then there is the question: if all your discs were washed away, which one piece would you save? And I think that although it is not the 'best' song on my playlist, I would save George Harrison's 'Here comes the sun', just because it cheers me up.

Lockdown has probably convinced most of us that we would not find it easy to stay cheerful all alone on that desert island. And this last lockdown has seemed harder than ever, at least partly because of the cold weather. A bit of sunshine and warmth and birdsong makes a big difference. So what are the things that cheer you up?

In terms of the church's year, we will be continuing our journey through Lent during March. Lent is often thought of as a gloomy season and of course it is a time for self-examination, self-discipline and penitence. But during Lent we are also constantly looking forward to the most joyful event of all – the resurrection of Christ at Easter. Maybe there is an analogy with what we hope will be the gradual lifting of the lockdown – a period of patient waiting and preparation leading to release from the fear of death and the promise of new life to come. Here comes the sun!

### Revd Eleanor Goodison

*Eleanor usually works Friday to Monday and is available for urgent matters on Tuesday and Wednesday. Thursday is her day off. Messages received Thursday will normally be dealt with on Friday.*

### If you need help or just want to chat, please contact us:

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Revd Richard: [rev.richard.court@icloud.com](mailto:rev.richard.court@icloud.com)

## Reopening for public worship

Churches are currently permitted to make local decisions about whether to open for services and since mid-February we have been holding some public worship in our churches. During March, we aim to extend the range of services in church, if allowed. There will also continue to be a range of services available via Facebook and Zoom – further details in the schedule. We can also deliver a printed version of a service each Sunday.

## Holy Week and Easter:

### Thursday 1st April, Maundy Thursday

7.30pm Stripping of the Altar, Redlingfield

### Friday 2nd April, Good Friday

12 noon Good Friday service, Wingfield

2.30pm Good Friday service, Hoxne

7pm Good Friday service, Horham

### Saturday 3rd April, Easter Eve

7.30pm Service of Light, Denham

### Sunday 4th April, Easter Day

9.30am BCP Holy Communion, Hoxne

9.30am CW Holy Communion, Redlingfield

11am CW Holy Communion, Wingfield

11am Zoom Eucharist

4pm Messy Church for Easter  
(details to be confirmed)

## Hoxne Benefice News

*Copies of this newsletter are in churches when we have services. Email Virginia on [hoxnebeneficeoffice@gmail.com](mailto:hoxnebeneficeoffice@gmail.com) to receive it by email.*

## Church contacts

Athelington: St Peter.	Colin Palmer 01728 628747
Denham: St John the Baptist.	Barbara Irwin 01379 669077, Hilary Castleden 01379 668458
Hoxne: St Peter & St Paul.	Guy McGregor 01379 668434, Wilf White 01379 668046
Horham: St Mary.	David Spall 01379 384239, Daphne Harvey 01379 384216
Redlingfield: St Andrew.	Hazel Abbott 01379 678217
Syleham: St Margaret.	Mary Lewis 01379 669258, Sarah Buckley 01379 668480
Wingfield: St Andrew.	Rev'd Eleanor Goodison 07876 143579

## Our Lent Study Group continues on Monday evenings on Zoom, 7.30pm

During each session we discuss one of the five marks of mission alongside a particular Bible passage. The programme is:

Monday 1st March TEACH: to teach, baptise and nurture new believers

Monday 8th March TEND: to respond to human need by loving service

Monday 15th March TRANSFORM: to seek to transform unjust structures of society, to challenge violence of every kind and to pursue peace and reconciliation.

Monday 22nd March TREASURE: to strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth

To join in, or to receive a printed version of the notes for each session, just get in touch with Revd Eleanor.



## A call out for Easter bonnets!

We are inviting you to a special Zoom event for Easter, on Saturday 3rd April at 11am. And we want you to wear a special Easter bonnet for the event. You could dig out a vintage hat from the back of the wardrobe, or you could make your own, or decorate a plain one – whatever you want! There will be prizes for the best hats and, if Covid-19 regulations permit, an exhibition in one of our churches after Easter.

## Mothers' Union, Hoxne branch

held its AGM on 22nd February via Zoom. Cathie McGregor continues as branch leader, Caroline Abbott is secretary and Anne Swann is treasurer. Activities have been much curtailed over the last year but Hoxne members helped to staff the I-Chameleon shop in Halesworth in October in aid of MU funds. There will be no special services for the World Day of Prayer this year (5th March) but activities are planned to resume over the summer. If you are interested in joining the Mothers' Union, please get in touch with Cathie McGregor. All welcome - you don't need to be a mother!

## Bishops' Lent appeal for Kagera

**2021** Many are suffering hardship because of the pandemic, yet continue to support their communities with love and care. Can we extend that compassion to our partners abroad? Churches in Suffolk are linked to the churches in Kagera, northwest Tanzania. There's a challenge booklet with lots of ideas and information. To find out more or get your copy of the booklet, visit [www.cofesuffolk.org/bishops-lent-appeal](http://www.cofesuffolk.org/bishops-lent-appeal) or contact the Kagera link co-ordinators on [kagera@cofesuffolk.org](mailto:kagera@cofesuffolk.org)

## And please don't forget.....

## [easyfundraising.org.uk](http://easyfundraising.org.uk)

It really is easy. If you are finding that you are ordering more goods online at the moment, why not sign up to support the benefice? **It costs you nothing and gives the benefice a percentage of everything you spend. So far, we have raised £683.06 for the benefice this way – so it is well worth it!** [www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/hoxnebenefice](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/hoxnebenefice). Thank you for signing up.

## Church open for private prayer

Most of our churches are open once a week for private prayer:

Horham Sunday 9am - 5pm

Redlingfield Tuesday 10am - 4pm

Denham Wednesday 9am - 5pm

Hoxne Wednesday 9am - 5pm

Syleham Thursday 10am - 2.30pm

Wingfield Thursday 2.30pm - 5pm

Athelington Church is open on request.

## Stay in touch:

Check out our [facebook](https://www.facebook.com/WingfieldChurch) pages: [facebook.com/WingfieldChurch](https://www.facebook.com/WingfieldChurch) or [facebook.com/athelingtonchurch](https://www.facebook.com/athelingtonchurch).

Follow Revd Eleanor on Twitter: @ReverendEleanor (you do not need your own Twitter account to read her tweets; just search for @ReverendEleanor).

## Samaritans - It's alright to ask for help

Tel: 116123

## Refuge, against domestic violence

Tel: 0808 2000 247

## ChildLine

Tel: 0800 1111

## Waveney Foodbank

Tel: 07484 394749